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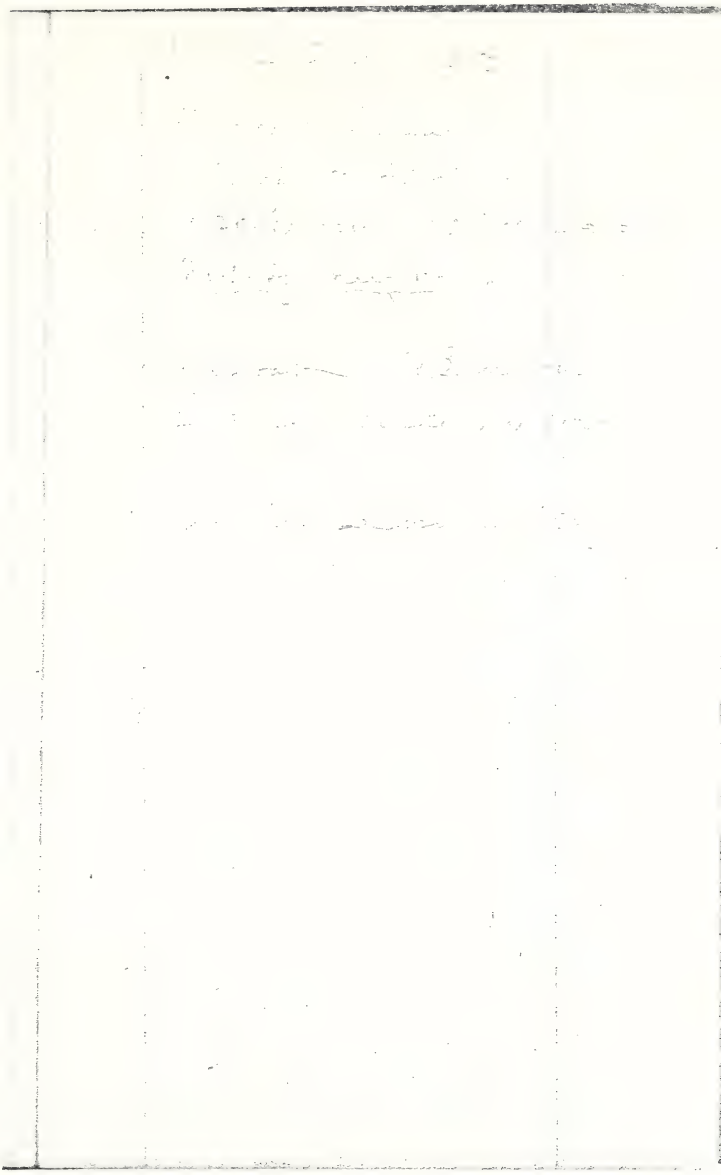
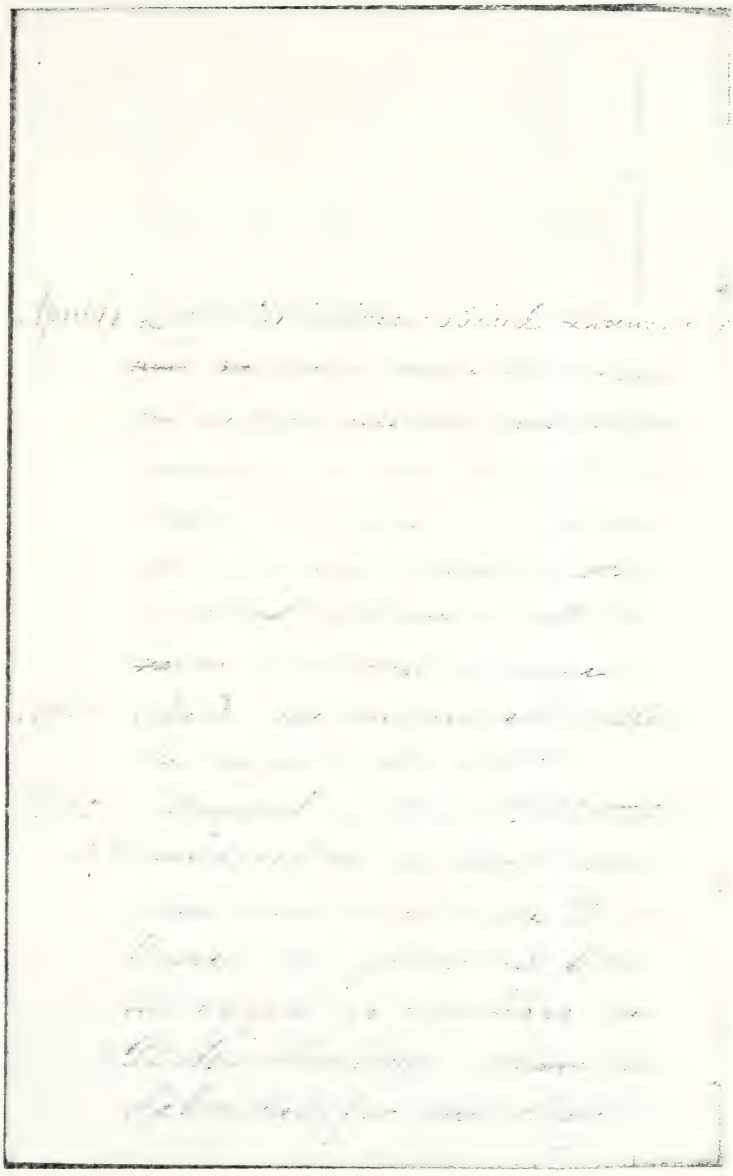
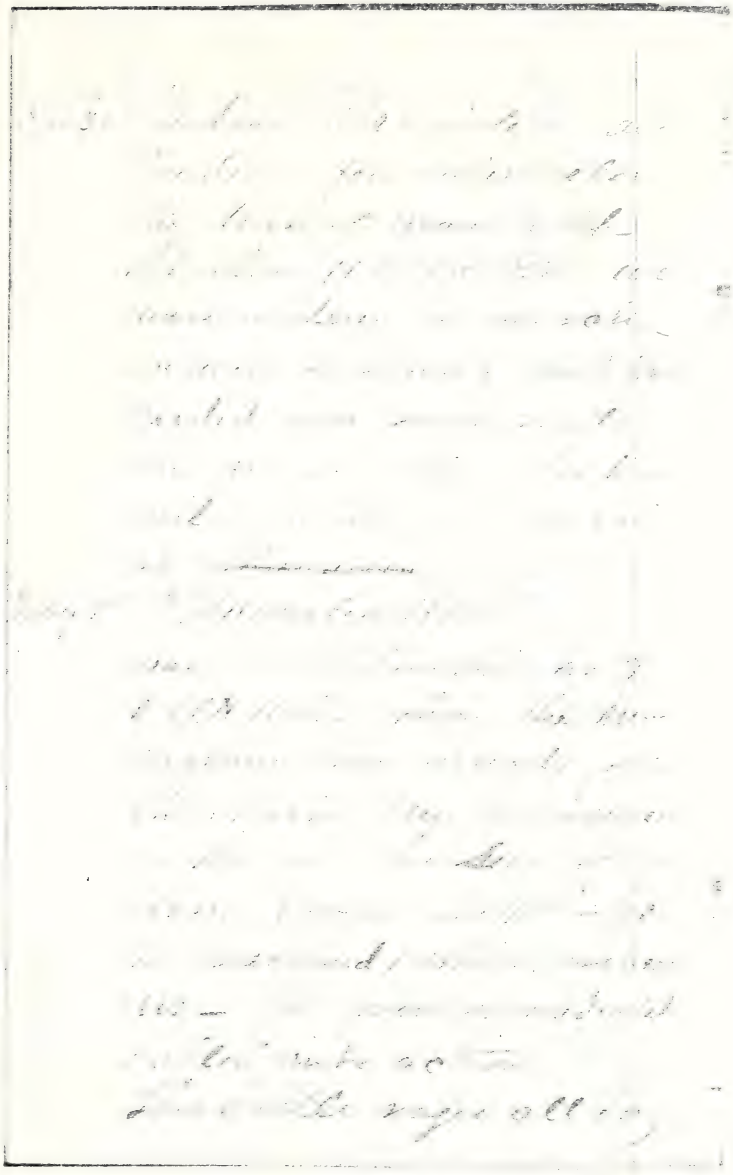
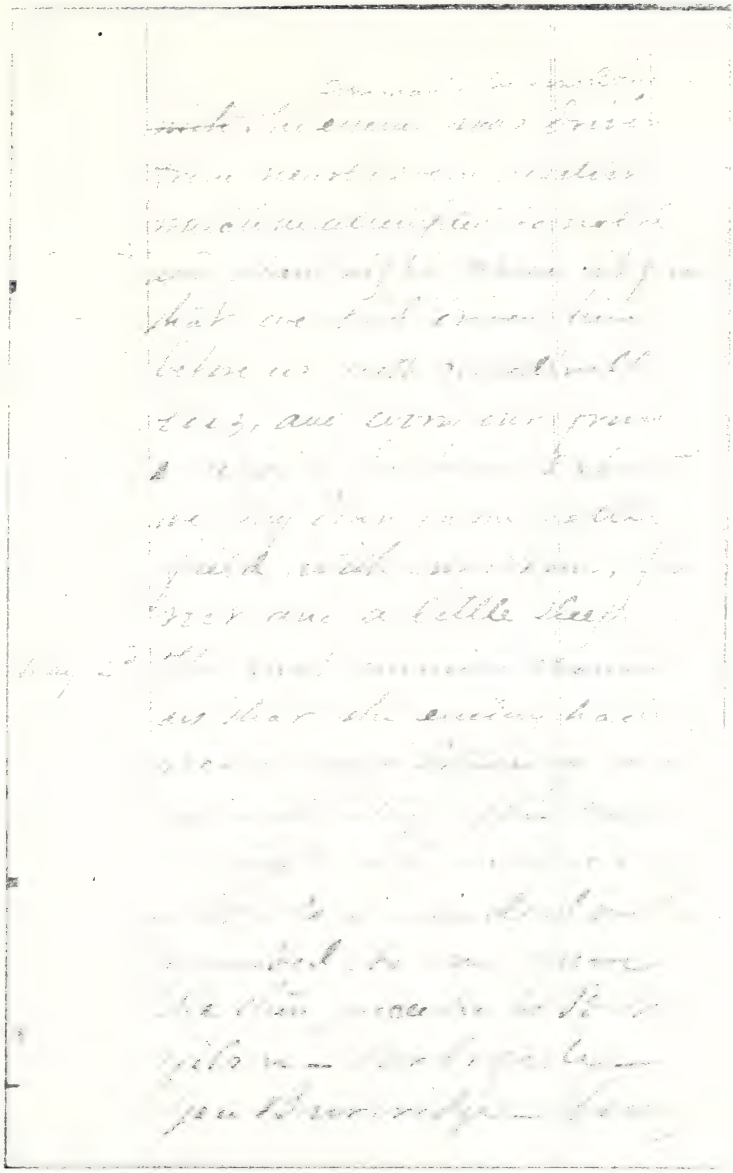
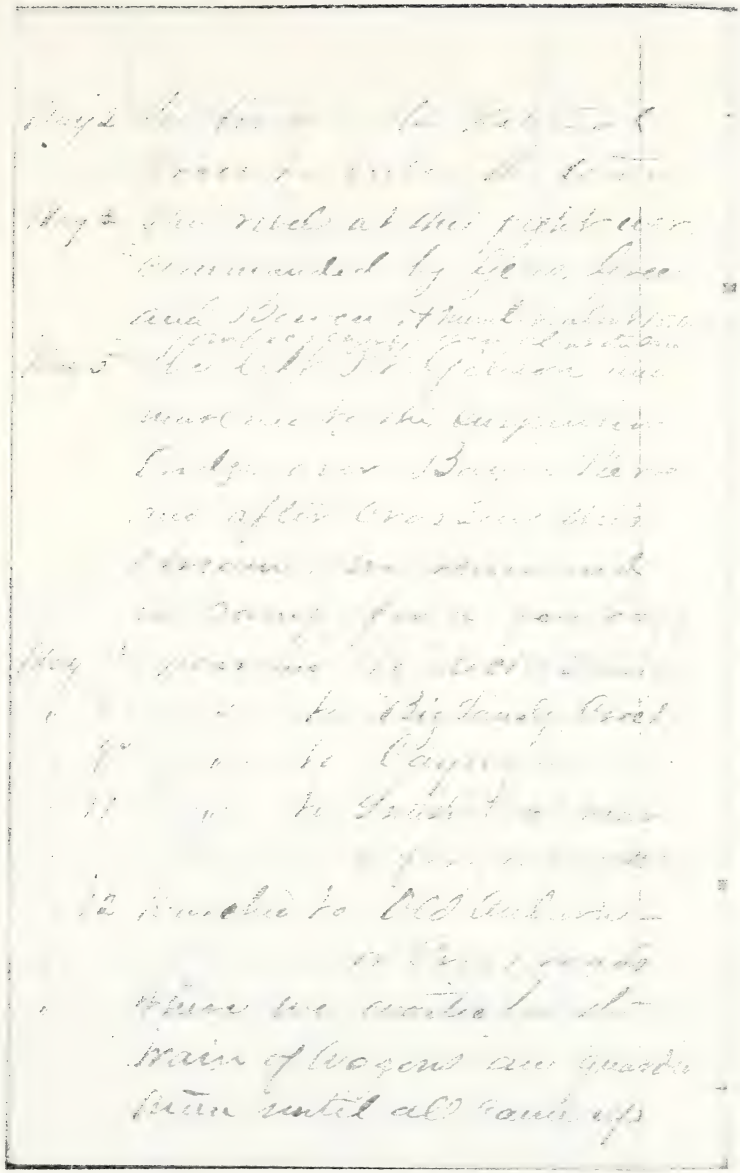
13th Army Corps — Gen McClernand of Ill
Army Tennessee commanded by Gen U. S. Grant



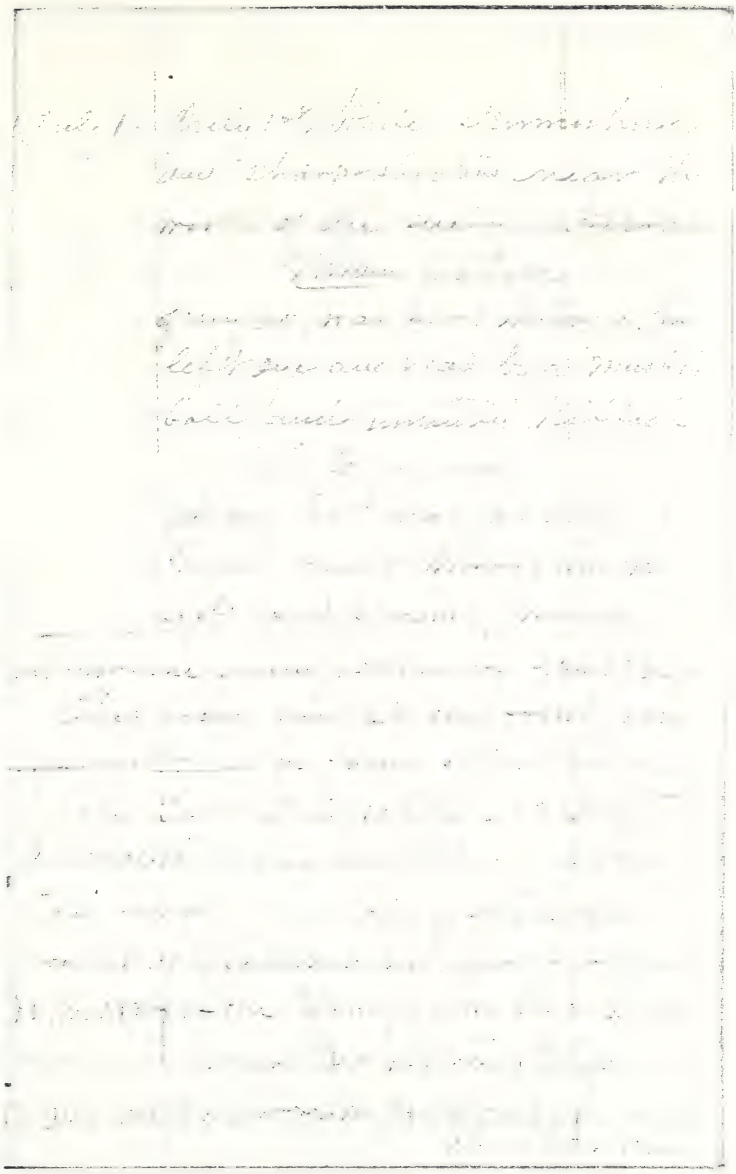








(June 7th 1863 - Battle at Millikens Bend La)
(May 30th " " at Perkins Landing La.)



July 5th 1863

The Army Corps (13th) now commanded by Gen Ord, being ordered to march, were immediately prepared for the journey and at about 9 O'clock AM. took up the line of march for "Big Black" river – and in the direction of the Capital of the State – Jackson –

The day was very warm, and under foot any description of vehicle was a burthen of which we suffered considerably – Marching to "Clear Creek" – we halted a few hours for camp for the night. Nothing of importance transpired on this route – All being fatigued next to exhaustion sought repose early.

July 6th

Marched to the bridge of the Vicksburg & Jackson R.R. which

Crosses (or Bakers Creek) Day—
Which used to cross the Big Black)
Rain setting in very heavily we
crossed the river and camped
a short distance from the river.
July 7th Marched through "Edwards Depot
Station" or "Edwards Port" as
it is called, 6 miles from the
river, and from this place to
Champion Hills" (called by some
"Chaplain Hills") where our
Corps of the Army done hard fighting
with Gen Pemberton's Army
on the Saturday the 16th of May
last. From here After
Fasting a Week or so
on the old battle field we again
took up the line of march and
reached Bolton near
Mt Elk Ridge, and prepared for a night's
rest. Shortly after we arrived here

A severe storm came up, and this followed by heavy rain made our resting place, which was in a Corn field on low ground so disagreable that sleep was almost out of the question; but, after the storm and rain somewhat abated, gathering some stalks of Corn and throwing them on the ground, we were enabled to obtain a little rest—

July 4th— Marched about 8 miles,—

July 5th— Marched on to Clinton,—

Skirmishing by Cavalry most of the day: We formed in line of battle and rode beyond Clinton and [illegible] then finding no Officers immediately pursuing, Halted for the night in an open field on hard and dusty ground

Sunday 1864
July 9th ~~March~~ Commenced our march
" 10 at ~~O~~ O'CLOCK A.M. Toward Yorktown
The Cavalry were dismounting
ment of the day – to
Gen Osterhaus'
Div. and Gen A J Smith's Div
were the front of the infantry
brought up, with their Artillery
At about 10 O'CLOCK A.M. ~~now~~
our Div formed its line of battle
about 4 miles from the Enemy's
works, Skirmishers were
immediately thrown out to the
infantry, and the advance
began. Gen Osterhaus's Div.
being on our left, and on the
right resting on the road.
Our Div. immediately on his
right. We advanced, under
heavy firing from the Enemy's
guns which opened upon us

as I can as we came within
range of them.

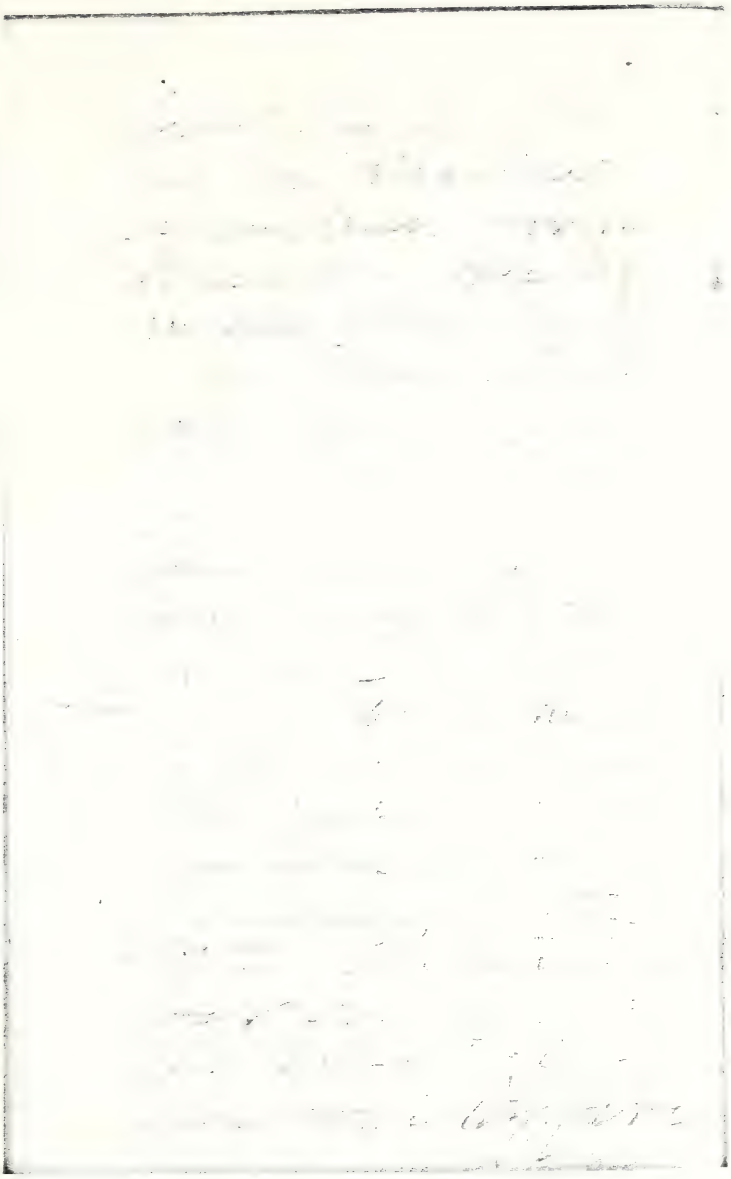
Skirmishing was pretty
heavy, but with little
loss to us,

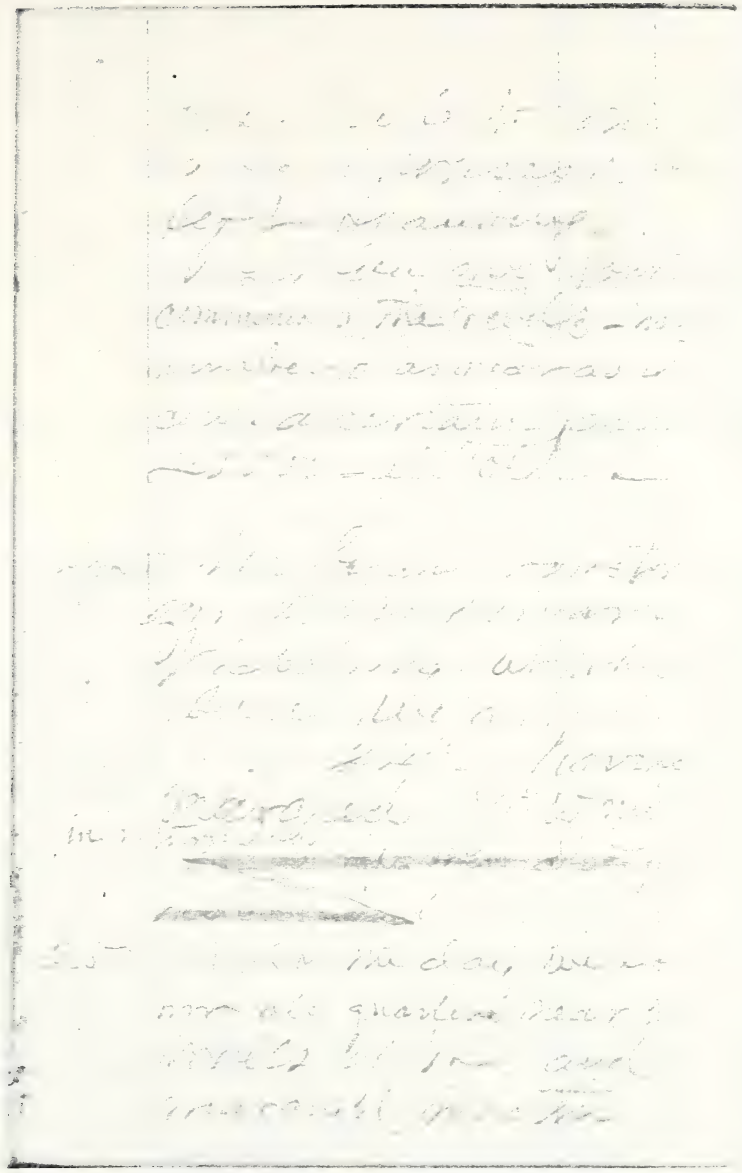
Later in the day toward
evening, Gen Carr's and Gen
Harvey's divisions came up, the
former forming on our right,
and the latter on Carr's right

(3rd Army Corps - Gen Howe

Osterhaus / Smith / Carr / Harvey /

July 10th Gen Sherman's Corps coming
up - we moved to the right
so that Osterhaus' left might
rest on the road, and Sherman's
Corps to the right of
this road. This being
done we advanced the skirmish
gradually closer and closer





Isaac Lane Co "B" 17th Indiana
Charles Co "Beck" " 83rd " "
Corpl Jno Allen " 83rd " "
Frank Laine " K " 93 " "
Ralph Co Madison " F " " "

and proceed to Memphis without delay

II

He will take especial charge of those marked Deserters, and upon his arrival at Memphis Tenn, he will report all the men and papers in his charge to the Provost Marshal of the Post to be by him forwarded to the Head Quarters Regiments

III

Government transportation is to be furnished, to Memphis & return, with subsistence for three days. By order of

J L Kirkman Col 83rd Ind
Military Commander

Ed Kennedy
Cpt & A Adjt

Feb'y 8 1863 – D Amedat Boudin Esq
and reported in accordance with
the foregoing order.

Sept 30th

In connection with Col. J
Montgomery, 33rd Inda Vols Capt
was placed in command of a
Mixed & Exchange prisoners
rendezvous organized at Camp Chase
the 3d Army Corps – to the
number of five hundred & forty
and ordered to report to
Fredericksburg Miss. which was
did & Rd accd

Oct 6th 62 – Took our men aboard the
"White Cloud" Mississippi River
Steamer Lafayette place
one hundred & fifty men
Oct 10th upon reporting at Vicksburg
Capt Hall Provost Marshal" Commission
to go further was refused

and we received an order to report with our men to Lt Col Wells Commander of Convalescent Camp of the 13th Army Corps, near Carrollton La. and await further orders.

Oct 13th 1863 The following order was read relieving Capt Montgomery and placing all the Exchanged men under my charge viz:

Head Qrs Convalescent Camp
13th Army Corps Carrollton La
Oct 13th 1863

Special Order. No.

I Capt R S Montgomery Co K 34th Ind Vols is hereby relieved from command of Exchanged Prisoners.

II Capt Lore 67th Ind Vols is hereby appointed to the

command of Richard's Prisoners, and will enter upon the duties thereof at once

By order of

L R Webb

Lieut Comdg

W M Starr Captain &c

"

Oct 17th Provost Defenses N. O.

New Orleans Oct 17 1863

Special Orders

No 128

The following named officers are detailed for duty in the Provost Marshals Department and will report to the Provost Marshal General:

Lieut Dow. Pardee 42d Ohio

Captain C. E. Ling 67 Ind.

Capt Jefferson Holden 67th "

Lt Chas H Lewis, Adjt 2d Iowa

By command of
Col & Lt Col Stone W Lt
Crawford Williams
Lt & A A A G

Official:
W. H. Starr, Capt & A A A G

Oct 19th

Office of Provost Marshal General
Department of the Gulf
208 Carondelet Street
New Orleans Oct 19th 1863

Captain B. E. Long 67th
Ind Vols having reported to
the Provost Marshal General
for duty in obedience to Special
Orders No 128 Head Qrs Defences
of New Orleans of the 17th inst.
is hereby assigned to duty

with the Provost-Marshals
Department in this City,
as are also Capt Jesse Hotchkiss
6th Florida Vols — and Lieut.
Chas O Dewey, Aide 23d Iowa
Vols — I will send report
to Colonel Geo H Hill Provost
Provost Marshal of New Orleans

By order
Col Richard D. McGeal
Henry L Pierson Jr
Capt & A A G'l.

On my application to be
relieved of duty in New Orleans
and to have permission to go
forward and rejoin my com-
mand — I received the fol-
lowing order:

(over)

Head Quarters, Defences of New Orleans
New Orleans Nov 2d 1863

Special Orders
No 143 } Extract

* * *

In compliance with directions from Department Head Quarters, Capt Lewis 67th Indiana Vols is hereby relieved from duty in Provost Marshal's office ——— Capt H. S. Foskett 42d Ohio Vols will report to Provost Marshal General for duty.

By Command of
Col Edg Bookwith
Crawford Williams
Lt & A A A Gen

1863

Nov 3d Left New Orleans with Coal Barges to replenish Regiment and arrived at Brashear City by Bayou. At this place we waited for a boat to take us to New Iberia, until

Nov 5th when we boarded the Red River and steamed up the River.

Upon our arrival at New Iberia we met news of the battle at Vermillion Bayou between our Brigade, under Col Dunn and Gen Bowen, and the enemy under Gens. Mouton & Green Walker.

The 67th Ind. Regt. suffered severely in loss of prisoners, having had 200 captured including 13 Commissioned officers.

The regts engaged were the 60th Ind.

60th Regt Ind. 23 Regt Missouri

67th " " 83 Ohio Vol.

16th " Ohio

Three fifths went into the engagement, and lost in killed, wounded & prisoners, 671 men.

Nov 5th 03. I resigned the command of the 67th Regt Wisconsin Vol Infy, & on the 9th left Pensacola for Ship Island

Nov 12. [illegible]

Dec 5th I was ordered to take command in charge of a recruiting party from the regt

for Northern Iowa. Upon which I received at his command in the Department left Pensacola.

Dec 9th Our division left New Iberia and after nine days marching arrived at Berwick Bay.

Dec 13th Crossed the Bay to Brashear City.

" 14th Took cars to Algiers.

Dec 13 The 60th & 17th Indiana & 77 Ills. were placed under Genl McClernand and started for Texas, by way of the Gulf.

The 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, comprises the following Regts.

1st Brigade:

60th Regt Ind Inft Vols. Col Dunn
17th " " " " Col Cam
23d " Missouri " " Col
83d " Ohio " " Col
76th " " " " Col
17th Kentucky " " Col

The latter recently attached from 2d Brig: to supply place of 16th Ind. now mounted

2d Brigade:

28th Regt Ohio Vols
77th " Ills. "
17th " " "
50th " " "

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To the 1st Brigade is attached
the 17th Ohio Battery.
6 pieces under Capt Rice

To the 2d Brig.
6 pieces. Mercantile Battery,
from Chicago Ills---

... Having the honor of being President of a Military Commission and "Board of Survey" for the Regt. and our business not then being completed, I was unable to go with the Regt. on the 18th of Dec.r – but was detained at Algiers & until the 23d Wisconsin Regt. and "Hd Qrs" of the Division went, – which was on Saturday night – December 26th

Dec.r 26 – At 11 O Clk P.M. we boarded on Steamer "De Molay" and left New Orleans –

Dec.r 27th The next morning, we [illegible] the muddy Mississippi, with its neighboring marshes and swamps of high weeds and their lazy, yawning Alligators and other amphibious [illegible] and launched into the Gulf

of Mexico— (at 10 o'Clock A.M.)
Whether we offended his
Oeanic Majesty by an unceremonious
entrée upon a portion of his
vast domains, or whether no
angry passions had been aroused
by the trespass of somebody, else,
or whether he thought that
as this was our first visit to
exhibit some of his tremendous
powers for our gratification—
— deponent saith not—
This much, however, he does say
that he received Old Nep-
tune in a very ill humor
He not only had ocular
proofs as to his majesty's vast
powers, but he had demon-
strations sufficient for the
five senses of his Physical
organization— the most

conclusive proof being his great propensity for "Cascading."

We arrived were on the Gulf coast ~~the~~ on Friday the 1st day of January, — being in sight of land two days before we were able to effect a landing on account of the gale.

Dec 29th The "De Molay" arrived off the bay of Santa Gertrudis, about five miles, ~~running~~ in the afternoon of the 29th Dec.r and there casting anchor, awaited for a smaller steamer to take us across the "bar" and land us

Jany 1st 1864 on the after noon of the 1st of Jany — ~~the~~ ~~were~~ ~~landed~~ the Jany being subsided we were landed by steamer's boats

at Point Cavallo, Texas
near Fort Esperanza - (or Esperanza)
Point Cavallo is a narrow
neck of land running from the
main land down between the
Bay and Gulf; is destitute of
everything denoting that it has
ever been the abode of man or
beast — being a barren desert
of sand and sand banks which
seem to have been formed by
the action of the surrounding
of the receding of the Ocean.
It is abt 75 miles from Brazos
~~de Santiago~~ and 150 miles from
Galveston, Abt 50 miles
from the mouth of the Colorado
which empties into the Bay.

Fort Esperanza is on the island
at its extreme point of
south west from Point C—

Dec. Storm attacked by the enemy, on
the approach four forces and pr
vents our hands with nine pieces
of Cannon without resistance

Saturday - Janry 2nd 1864.

124 Cavalla, Texas.

Received the following order from the Asst Adjutant General, at Washington City. D.C. viz:

"

War Department,

Adjutant-General's Office

Washington City D.C. Dec 2nd 1863

To the Commanding Officer

67th Regt Ind Vols

Thro' Hd Qrs Dept Gulf

Sir:

The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by S.O. 1[illegible] Hd Qrs 4th Corps B.C. in the cases of Colonel Frank Emerson and Captain D.E. Long, of your Regiment have been approved by the Secretary of War — The Pay to them accruing may be duly remitted.

(signed) Thomas M Vincent

Asst Adjutant General

1864

Jan 6 Gen Ransom assigned to the command of the 2d Div. 18 A.C.

" The 3d Brigade of the 2nd Div. this day attached to the 4th Division

From Jan 1st to 10th remarkably cold weather with high winds. Considerable suffering amongst the soldiers,— there being scarce enough wood to cook, or even to heat water to make coffee— And what wood there was was only such as was washed upon the beach by the sea!

Jany 13 Col Landram took command of 1st Brig.

" my 18 Gen N. J. Dana - takes command of "N.C. Forces, Texas"

Jan 18 Maj Gen Ord - Commands 18 Corps

1864
January

The First Brigade ordered to
to go on a reconnoissance expedi-
tion – and started at 11 O'clock
AM. — We marched fifteen
miles the first afternoon
20 Starting the next morning
a little before daylight —
we marched twenty two
miles.
21 Marched twenty miles —
to within about five miles of
the enemies fort at the
head of the Matagorda peninsula
near Matagorda City —
22d Began a retrograde
movement towards overlooking
23d when we arrived after fifty
seven marching —

Jan 24 Three of the 67 exchanged as joined the Reg. Two were returned to Co E"

Six of whom were exchanged — 1776.

John Henderson	Sergt
Noble Clayton	Sergt
Newt Baughman	Sergt
Hugh Holeman	Priv
Theo. Symmes	"
Jona Ireland	"

Jany 25th 1864 - Pass Cavallo Texas

After an Inspection of Camp, and Garrison Equipage by Capt Inspector for 1st Brigade, 4th Div. 13th A.C. the following articles were condemned - for which I made an Inventory & gave to the Inspector. viz:

100	Enfield Rifles	in working Order
Two	Bayonet scabbards	" " "
Two	Cartridge Boxes	" " Oct 30 62
One	Haversack	" " Nov 17 62
Eight	Haversacks	" " Dec 4 62
One	Waist Belt	" " Oct 28 62
One	Belt Plate	" " " 28 62

1864

May 20

Being appointed by Special Order to investigate and make report upon all cases of the 67th Reg— where men have been absent beyond the limits of their furloughs in order that they may be restored either with or without loss of pay. I proceeded to the work and made out the 7 following cases:

Jacob Rich — Co K
James Berkey Co E
May 27— James Warren Co H
" Lamiska Lomax Co H
" John Groseclose Co H
" James Fielder Co H
" Mathew Brown Co I
" Charles Barnes Co I
" John Arnold Co I
25 " John W Thompson Co D
29 " John Smith Co B

Febry 9th 1864.

Precedent of a Court Martial and trial Card of John W. Thompson Co "D". Sentence: To be reduced the ranks, with loss of one months pay ——————

February 1864

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January 5th 1864.

Forwarded Returns of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, pertaining to Company "E" of the 67th Reg Ind Inft Vols, for the 30th Day of June 1863 - to Brigdier Ramsey, Chief of Ordnance at Washington City, D.C.

B E Levy Capt

Feby 10 1864.

Forwarded Returns of Clothing, Camp & Garrison Equipage, pertaining to Company "E" 67 Ind Vols for the 3rd & 4th Quarters of 1862, to Quarter Master General at Washington City D.C.

Completed for Acct. Dept for 3d & 4th Qrs & Dec 1862

B E Levy
Capt Co E

Feb. 11th 1864

Forwarded Returns of Clothing Camp & Garrison Equipage, pertaining to Company "E" 67 Ind. Vols for the 1st Quarter of 1863. (January February & March) to 2d Mr. General at Washington City D.C.

B E Lang, Capt.

Feb. 2d 1864

Forwarded Returns of Clothing Camp and Garrison Equipage, pertaining to Co E 67 Ind. Vols for the second Quarter of 1863 (April May & June 1863) to 2d Mr. General, at Washington City, D.C.

B. E Lang Capt

Febry 14/64

Forwarded Return of Clothing Camp & Gar. Equipage pertaining to Co E 67 Ind Vols. for the month of July 1863. to the Qr Mr General at Washington City. D.C.

B C Levy. Capt Co E

Febry 14 1864.

Forwarded Return of Clothing, Camp & Gar. Equipage pertaining to Co E 67 Ind Vols for the Month of August 1863 to Qr Mr General, at Washington City D.C.

B C Levy. Capt Co E

Febry 15th 1864

Forwarded Return of
Clothing, Camp & Gar. Equipage
pertaining to Co E. 67 Ind Vols
for the month of September 1863
— to Gr Mr General, at Washington
City. D. C.

B E Lacy, Capt Co E
67 Ind Vols

Febry 16th 1864

Forwarded Return of
Clothing, Camp & Gar. Equipage
pertaining to Co E. 67 Ind Vols
for the month of October 1863
to Gr Mr General, at Washington
City. D. C.

B E Lacy Capt Co E
67 Ind Vols

Feby 18th 1864 –

Forwarded Return of Clothing & Camp and Garrison Equipage pertaining to Co E 67 Reg. 2nd Brgt 4 Dvs. for the month of November 1863. To the Qr Mr Genl at Washington City. D C

R E Long. Capt Co E 67 Ind.

Feby 18th 1864 –

Forwarded Return of Clothing Camp & Gar. Equipage pertaining to Co E 67 Reg. 2nd Brgt 4 Dvs for December 1863. to the Quarter Master General at Washington City D C

R E Long. Capt Co E 67 Ind

Feby 20th 1864.

Forwarded Quarterly Returns of Ordnance & Ordnance Stores pertaining to Co E 67 2nd Ind Vols, for October, November and December 1863 – the 4th Quarter 1863 – to Brig Gen. Ezra D Ramsey

(over)

Chief of Ordnance at Washington City, D. C.

B. E. Levy. Capt Co E
67 Ind Vols

March 5th 1864.

Forwarded Return of Ordnance Camp & Gar. Equipage pertaining to Co E. 67th Reg Ind Vols for January 1864. to Quarter Master General at Washington City. D. C.

B. E. Levy. Capt. Co E. 67 Ind Vols

April 2nd 1864 — Natchitoches La.

Forwarded Quarterly Return of Ordnance & Ordnance Stores pertaining to Co "E" 67 Ind Vols, for January, February & March 1864, to Chief of Ordnance, Washington D.C.

B Evan Capt Co E. 67 Ind Vols

Sunday
Sept 11th 62. Green river bridge, Munfordville Ky

— Our skirmishers were driven in at about 4 O'Clk A.M. and at 5 O'Clk A.M., the enemy moved forward in line of battle upon our works. The battle continued without intermission until 10 or 10½ O'Clk A.M. when the enemy after having made unsuccessful attempts to storm our works, fell back, and sent a flag of truce, and asked permission to bury their dead and take off their wounded. Our loss in this Engagement was 34 killed and 90 wounded. The 89th Ind. lost 17 killed & wounded. The Enemy loss, in killed & wounded, was about 600

Our forces consisted of the

6th & 89th Regts. Ind Vols. One Co.
of the 17th Ind., One Company of
Cavalry, - numbering in all,
for duty, 1850 - men, under
Command of Col John T Wilder
of the 17th Ind.

The rebels were Commanded
by Gen Cheatam, and Gen. —
and numbered about 6000 men,

Sept 14/62 Green River Bridge, Munfordville Ky
" 16+17 do " " " "

Dec 28/62. Vicksburg Miss—
to Storming the enemies works at
Jan 2/63 Chickasaw Bluffs—not repulsed

Jan 11/63. Arkansas Post. Ark
1. A successful storming of the
enemies works by Gen Smith's
Brigade—
9000 Rebels captured
Our Brigade lost 500 men killed & wounded
Jany 11 Col Cameron of the 53rd Wounded
severely in left thigh by minie
ball — Regt lost 90 men
killed & wounded

Jan 24 — Landed at Young's Point
1863 Operations Vicksburg

Feby 14 1863 –

Our Brigade sent up the Mississippi on a Secret expedition – Had several hard Skirmishing & marching at Greenville Miss

Deer Creek "

Point Chicot Ark

Columbia "

Cypress Bend "

Feby 1864—

1st Brigade companies:

60 & 67 Indiana Regts,
19th Kentucky, 76th Ohio
77 Illinois, 23d Wisconsin

2d Brigade:

28th Ohio, 34th Iowa
130th Ills, 12th & 15th Maine—

Feb 22. 1864 — Pass Cavallo Texas

67 Ind — left for Louisiana
leaving Companies E, I & K
under my command

Feb 25 — Left Pass Cavallo, Texas
in Command of the detachment
above named, on the Steamer
"Clinton" — Came to Berwick's
Bay direct — by way of Berwick
Bay and the Pass.

1 Feb 29th/64. Made out Muster
" Rolls for Co E. and was
" this day Mustered for pay —
"
" Receives marching orders
~~Left Berwick~~

March 7th.

Left Berwick, and marched
through Pattersonville, and to
where the gunboat Cotton was
destroyed camping beyond:
about 18 miles march, this day
8th Took up the line of march
at 6 O'Clock A.M.; passed through
through [redacted] Centreville
and Franklin, and beyond
the Cotton place 3 miles, —
being a march of 13 Miles
Remained at Wardin's Plantation, ~~no this~~ camped on the east
of the Teche, until the 16th

1862

March 16th ~~Th 4~~ Reveille this morning at 4 P. O'Clk. Commenced the march at 6 O'Clk. Marched 18 miles up the Teche. -

17th Reveille at 4 P. M. Moved at 5 P.M. Passed through New Iberia and Camped for the night five miles beyond. ~~Camp~~ near Vaile. A march of 12 miles

18th Reveille at 4 P. M. - Moved at 5 P.M. Marched through a prairie to Vermillion bayou where we came to the first woods Crossed the bayou, and camped one mile beyond. A march of 18 miles to-day & water scarce

19th Th 57 Inf'ty. were near guard to-day. Fine rain, and did not start until near 8 Oclk P.M. Passed through Vermillionville La, also

near Grand Lobeau ; Crossed
what is Called "Carron Crow bayou
and marched to Little Carron Crow
~~bayou~~ 18 Miles made to-day.
After being screened at recited I
went out to see the battle ground
wherein our Brigade under
Gen Burbridge, met with its defeat
on the 3d of Nov. 1863.

Mar 20th Sunday:

Reveille at 4½, marched
at 6 A.M. at 8 M. 10 miles to Opelousas
Women and children and citizens,
including Creoles, mulattoes and negroes
thronged the side walks as we passed
through the streets; some on fences
others in windows, and on the tops
of houses. Saw some suspicious
looking men who looked as though
they had not been long absent
from the Rebel army. also

1864.

Mar 20 several maimed, - they having been wounded in and discharged from the Rebel Army. Leaving Opelousas, we passed on 5 miles to Bayou ~~Teche~~ Bourbeaux, and upon crossing the bayou, we entered the town of ~~Franklin~~ Washington. The demonstrations here were about the same as at the former place - all were out to see us pass. We marched through all their towns with martial music, unfurled banners, by the flank, and ~~at~~ arms at a "right shoulder shift."

~~Leaving Vermilionville 3 miles behind Washington, crossing Bayou Cotableau and encamping near the town~~

After passing Washington, we crossed, near the suburbs of the town, Bayou Cotableau, and marched up this bayou two (pronounced - "Co-tah'-bo")

20th miles, and went into camp.

21st Lay in camp all day. Men engaged in washing themselves and clothing.

I was detailed, early in the morning, to take charge of a guard of fifty men, and forage train and go for forage. We passed through Washington and on toward Opelousas, leaving the latter place four miles to our left, succeeded in filling all the wagons and returned to camp without anything occurring of much importance. The after noon of this day was very disagreeable, — raining most of the time.

22d Resumed the march at 6 O'clk A.M. & about one mile brought us to a little village called Mowdeville, near this, Bayou Boeuf enters Bayou Cocodrie. We follows this

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bayou (Bethe) during the whole day and went about into camp for the night near it. A march to-day of 17 miles.

23rd. Started at 7 O'Clk A.M. continued up the Bethe. Passed a small town called Johnsville. A march to-day of 22 miles.

24th. Passed Cheneyville, and encamped 17 miles. Rained nearly all day.

25th Marched 12 miles.

26th Marched 6 miles to Alexandria on Red River; passed through this town and beyond to camp four miles — 10 miles to-day —

" Rec'd two letters, one from Father and one from Sister Emma.

27th Remained in camp. Had an Inspection of Arms, &c. Busy making pay Rolls —

March
1864.

28th Bienville at 5 A.M. and continued
the march at 6 P.M. — ~~Con~~
It was raining very hard ~~from~~
~~*~~all morning, until noon
11 O'Clk. Roads very bad
and marching severe on
the men, However, we
made 20 miles to day
and camped on "Bayou Rapides"
(pronounced Rapeedz) — which
we followed near all day.
29th Started from by 8 O'Clk A.M.
but moved very slowly owing
of bad roads and broken bridges
which occasioned delays —
After crossing the Bayou
we entered "Pine woods"
Here we found hills, — which
were something out of the
usual nature of prairie &
Swamps — and to us — new.

March 1854.

2 9th We passed through Three Woods 13 miles which brought us to Cain River where we camped. (15 M)

30th Lay in camp all day being unable to cross the river until a bridge was built. There was some skirmishing with the Comanches today and yesterday.

31st Reveille at 4 P.M. marched at 6 A.M. Crossed the river and followed it all day (the bridge being between the two (which is called "Cain river" or "Old Red River") and Red River. Marched today 19 miles and camped on Cain river after re-crossing it.

1864 –

April 1st. Our Reg was "rear guard" and did not commence marching until all the train passed which was about 9 O'Clk A.M. A most disagreeable day as the wind was high and the dust terrible – 15 miles to-day

2nd Marched 6 miles – to Natchitoches – on Red River. – about four miles from Red River.

3rd Made out Ordnance Return for January, February & March 1864.

4th Made out Return of Clothing Camp and Garrison Equipage pertaining to Company E for the month of February 1864.

6th Commenced the march at 6 O'Clk A.M. our Brigade in the lead. Marched 17 miles, and camped in "Pine woods"

1864

Apl 7th Reveille at 4 AM and marched at 6 A.M. 19 miles to-day. Rained a part of the day, and the trains did not get up until six or seven hours after we came to a halt.

We passed through several places where the Cavalry had been skirmishing, and saw the marks on trees, and saw dead horses —

When we were within about five miles of Pleasantville, we heard the engagement taking place between a portion of our Cavalry and the enemy — Of our troops engaged there were two Regts — the 1st La Cav. & 87 Ills — Mounted Infy. and they lost in Killed

wounded & prisoners about
eighty men. – Enemy's loss
not known.

Apl 8th Friday

Commenced marching at 2½
O'Clk A.M. Marched ten
miles when we came to the
advance of our Cavalry forces
who were skirmishing with
the enemy. The 67th and
23d Wisconsin being in
the advance, immediately
formed in line of battle, the
right of the 67th resting on the
Pleasantville road, and the
left of 23d resting on the
same road. This was at 5½
O'Clk A.M. The cavalry
skirmishers being unable
to dislodge the enemy
we were advanced and

met with a pretty stubborn resistance for a while, but after several volleys being fired from both sides, we made a charge and routed the enemy from his position; we followed up this success, driving him before us and skirmishing for four miles, when we were relieved by the 77th Ills and 19th Ky. We then marched two miles, and were again formed in line of battle, drove the enemy again and pursued up three miles to the "Sabine Cross Roads" and within a short distance of Mansfield. Here we rested from 2 o'clk P.M. until 3½ P.M., and the 2nd Brigade of our Division (4th) coming up was formed on our

right. The line now formed by our forces was as follows: the 2d 3d Wis. on the left, its right resting on the Pleasantville and Mansfield road; Nims Battery in position in the road; the 67 Ind. immediately on its right, the 77 Ills on the right of the 67th Ind. The 19th Ky to the right of the 77 Ills. The 2nd Brigade consisting of the 48th 83d & 96th Ohio Regts + 130 Ills. — were on the right of our Brig. The number of effective men in these two Brigades was 2,400 — An advance was ordered, and the action immediately became general as the enemy had concentrated all forces and taken position

The firing became general, ~~the~~ and was maintained vigorously for awhile on both sides, The enemy finally made a charge ~~on~~ upon our lines and by his overwhelming numbers succeeded in breaking and turning the right of the 2nd Brigade, and our forces successively gave way until the whole line was broken, The regts near the road found themselves flanked and subjected to a galling fire both in front and on the right, were forced from their positions. The 67th was rallied three times, but was unable to hold its position and fell back under a galling fire

for about a quarter of a mile. The rout to the whole Div. was complete, yet a portion of what escaped fallied with the 3d Div. which was by this time coming up. A very short time however placed the rout of the 3d in as bad a condition as that of the 4th was. It was unable to check the enemy, and consequently gave way in confusion. The cheers of the enemy was now undisputed. Many wagons, a portion of the ammunition trains, and many ambulances filled with our wounded fell into his hands.

Whatever could get away and whoever could get away

began making their retreat
to their starting point back about
two miles, the 19th Corps
numbering — [redacted] —
came up and formed, and
the charges made by the
enemy, and it being now
dark the fighting was
suspended.
It ended a day of
misfortune to this Detach-
ment of the 13th Army Corps
of the 2,500 men in the
Div. 1160 were either
killed, wounded or Captured
The loss to the 3d Div was
about 500—
Gen Ransom, Comdg 3d Div
Div. was wounded in left
knee by musket ball &
his Adjt was killed.

Comdy 1st Brig.

Col Pinnard of the 67th Ind. was shot through left hip and taken prisoner in an Ambulance.

Col Webb, Comdy 77 Ills. was instantly killed.

Maj Hamm of 19th Ky - Killed

Lt Col Cowan of " Wounded & Captured

Col Vance 96 Ohio - Killed

The fragments of our Div were collected together and marched back to Pleasanton at which place we arrived the next morning at 7 O'Clk. I took Charge of the 67th Ind.

Apl 9th. May Sears being the Senior Officer in the Brig

April 1864

6th was assigned to the Command and I was placed in Command of the Regt.

[illegible]

Sept 18 - The invocation of the 67th in the Instructor General -

Sept 19 - Formed in line of battle at 6 A.M.

" 21 Last marching order for the day and encamped a short distance near Red River and to the South of Grand Ecore; here we remained until 2 P.M. at the 25th when we moved with the wagon train, had to protect the wagons. Our division formed immediately after the main and continued in that order all day at the 25th and encamped [illegible] when we encamped in battle line - retiring until 5 P.M. 23rd N.W. 23rd. We moved on [illegible]

[illegible] Alexandria, and bivouacked 5 Miles. [illegible] the Army

24th [illegible] [illegible]

25th Marched to within 3 Miles of Alexandria and bivouacked

26th

27th

28th Our out posts were attacked and the pickets driven in by the enemy We were immediately called into line and advanced near to where the skirmishing was going on. When we deployed in line of battle. After manoevering and changing positions several times the order was rec'd to fall back immediately near to Alexandria which was done five miles back. We fell back in good order burning up every thing as we went in the shape of houses, gins, graineries &c. — Brought

a misunderstanding of orders, some Regts destroyed their tents & baggage. After falling back, most of the latter noon was occupied in shifting positions, reforming lines, &c. &c.
We lay on arms all night. The 28th morning broke and until noon
29th The next morning we all expected a general engagement, and preparations to that effect were made, but, instead of the day of battle in which we expected to be "turned out" all was quiet.

Today a Change was made in our Division (the 4th). The 97th Regt, which has served in the 1st Brig since Dec 12 1862, was transferred to the 2nd Brigade and the 93d Ohio from 2d to 1st. This Change places Col Moore of the 93d Ohio in Command of the 1st

29th and Col Parker of the 48th Ohio
in Command of the 2d Brigade.
30th Major Lean, takes command
of the 67 Ind. — relieving me,
I had been in Command of the Regt
since the evening of the 8th inst.,
after the battle at
"Sabine Cross Roads"
near Mansfield La —
Made out Monthly Return for Col "E"
31st Made out Pay & Muster Rolls
for March & April 1864.
& Mustered for pay.
The Regiment was paid
by Major of 7th Iowa
to March 1st 1864.
I drew pay for eight months
and took a draft for the same
[illegible]
and received [illegible]

7/7

May 1st/64. Seven Gun boats and Transports being above the falls, and the river falling, so that they cannot come down further, details were made to construct a dam, and the works were commenced.

2d. Order rec'd. to move to the front with two days rations in haversacks, and draw the enemy beyond 12 mile bridge. Regt. moved at 10 Clk P.M. Advanced 3 miles when our right was ordered to remain with its brigade, as a reserve, & for picket & skirmish duty. We bivouacked every night. The weather was indeed warm, & our water for drinking had

(illegible)

The right was paid on the 2d

May 9th News received of the blockade of Red river below Alexandria, by the enemy and of the capture of several transports and mails.
We still remain lying at our post and our picket lines beyond Bayou Rapides, have been attacked nearly every day by the enemy. He is continually in sight. Firing going on occasionally, but the enemy fails to come very near — merely showing himself. At night some of them come close enough to hold a conversation.

12th 34 Iowa, transferred to our Brigade, & Col S. W. Clark of same Regt. assumed command of the Brigade.

13th Received marching orders, but did not move until late

13th in the afternoon, when we marched around toward Cheneyville, and at dusk crossed the rail road 5 miles from Alexandria and took the Red river road. Marched until 9 O'Clk P.M. and encamped. Gen Lawler, Commands the 1st Corps.

14 Saturday. May 14.

Started at 5 A.M. - marched very irregularly - which made the march doubly tiresome. Skirmish in front. at midday. Transports and Gunboats were close to us all day. We marched a part of the time in rear of the train and a part of the time on the right flank. having the Bolivar on our right and the river. The rebels on the other side of the river kept up a

14 fire upon the boats very
near all day, but done
little damage, considering
the number of sick soldiers and
refugees on board.
Skirmishing in our rear
and on flank, mostly by
Cavalry. We formed in line
of battle several times, and
expected every minute to
have an engagement, but
the enemy did not seem
disposed to risk a fight
with the infantry.
The day was excessively
warm, and we had
little protection from trees
or shade of any kind

15th Sunday
Was a very uncomfortable day's
march. - Marched but little

May 1864

15 until dark, when the train advanced rapidly — and we followed. Stopped at 10 Clk P.M. having emerged into a large prairie, and arrived two miles of Marksville.

16 Monday

Started at 5. A.M. without having time to get any thing to eat, or even to wash faces — as the enemy was reported in force at Marksville, and a general engagement anticipated.

Artillery opened early, and soon became very heavy. We had thirty pieces going and the enemy had near the same number. This artillery duel continued for 2 hours when the enemy withdrew

16th the firing in line of battle an advance was immediately ordered, and made, by the infantry of the 19th Corps, (consisting of one division) supported by the 13th Corps - ~~which~~ now numbers 6000 men -
Contrary to all expectations, the enemy had retreated clear beyond the prairie and out of sight. Having passed through Hankerville, we lay in line of battle on the prairie, changing position and skirmishing, until night, when the main line all passed, a thunder storm broke over us, and the rain poured so heavily that we were up the whole night, without any rest. The men were so exhausted

The Artillery were unable to keep
pace with us in marching, and even the horses
would lie down exhausted and want of rest
& the enemy of praise to prayer
all day of the 16th. — the Britannia
being unknown to us
Marched until 6 P.M. [illegible]
when we crossed [illegible] Stage
— over which a bridge was con-
structed. Here we [illegible]
Corps came to the [illegible]
Colors, "Hard Tack" &c
the movement to con-
[illegible] upon and
marched rapidly [illegible]
while. Formed several
lines of battle, as the
Enemy received [illegible]
our rear. But we always
were [illegible]

Tuesday, May 17

17th The day was extensively warm and our suffered much.

[illegible] Lines [illegible]

[illegible] Lines [illegible]

[illegible] Lines [illegible]

May 1864 —

18th quietly in camp near Fellers Bayou. The enemy ~~drove~~ followed closely and attempted to drive our forces across the bayou and get possession of their original works: but Smith was sent across to check their advance. Our Cavalry forces had considerable fighting to do all day, but succeeded in repulsing the enemy, and driving him back several miles. At night, Gen Dana returned. Our brigade was sent down the bayou 3 or 4 miles and encamped for the night —

19th Returned to our Division where we remained to get Coffee and Crackers. Shortly after was ordered to march to the Atchafalaya

May 18 54

19 Friday
and down the Stream 7 miles
Toward evening returned to where
the boats lay. ~~Encamped~~

20th Marched across the bridge made
by the Transport boats, of the
Atchafalaya and proceeded up
the Stream, very irregularly

21st Reached mouth of the Atch-
afalaya, at Red river, before
day light.
Day light found us at the
mouth of Red river, and
at the landing where
a lot of boats lay. Here
Gen Lander's forces took
boats and left us.
We did not have long
but were hurried along
We marched our Division
all day, and the 2 Div. until

11 P.M. when we received our Brigade papers, and rested for the night

Mail received from our Division which is the first for several weeks —

22nd Sunday —

Marched a short distance toward Morganza, and went into Camp. Nothing of interest today —

23d — Rested in Camp, nothing special.

28th Went on board the boat "Universe" and after running down the river 20 miles, landed at Baton Rouge.

29th Got off the boat and marched through the city, and went into Camp in the suburbs of Baton Rouge

May 29th 1864. (Baton Rouge La)

Forwarded Monthly Return of Clothing Camp & Gar. Equipage for April 1864, pertaining to Companies "E" & "H" 67 2nd Vols to Quarter Master General at Washington City D.C.

B.E. Long. Capt 67th Ind Vols

April 29th 1864. Alexandria La.

Forwarded Monthly Return of Clothing Camp & Gar. Equipage for March 1864, pertaining to "Company E" to Quarter Master Genl at Washington City D.C.

B.E. Long Capt 67 2nd Vols

No. 42 April 30th 1864

Assistant Quartermaster
of the
United States
New York.

Pay to Capt Byford E. Long, or order, Nine hundred & seventy two & 15/100 dollars
$972.15

J. W. Brigdon,
Paymaster, U.S.A.

(Copy of original)

Endorsed)

Pay to Daniel H Long, or order,
the amount of written Check, in favor
Byford & Long, Capts
67 Reg. Ind. Vols.

Baton Rouge La May 30th 1864

Forwarded the foregoing check to Daniel H Long, Rensselaer, Indiana, by "Adams Express Company," and paid the freight and insurance in full. Also forwarded, in same package, $345. in money belonging to men in Company "E" 86 same. Fright + insurance paid

Had an Inspection to Day, of Ams ordnance & Camp & Garrison Equipage, by Genl Inspector. and made out Triplicate Inventories of each, and forwarded the papers for approval.

Acted as Brigade Officer of Day, and superintended Grand Reveille and the posting and instructing of the Sentinels. Read "Grand Rounds" at night.

May 31st Attended Guard mounting, made a verbal report to Brig'd Commander.

June 2nd 1864.

Made out and forwarded Monthly Return (with one set of Vouchers complete) of Clothing, Camp & Garrison Equipage pertaining to Co. E for the month of May 1864, to Q.r M.r General, at Washington City D.C.

B. C. Levy, Capt Co. E 67th Pa. Vols

July 5, 1864.

Made out and forwarded Monthly Return (with one set of vouchers complete) of Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equippage pertaining to Co. "E," for the month of June, 1864, to Q.r M.r General, at Washington City D.C.

B. C. Levy,
Capt. Co. "E." 67th Pa. Vols

July 7th 1864

Made out and forwarded Quarterly Return of Ordnance, for April, May and June, (with one set of vouchers complete) pertaining to Co. "E." to Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

B. E. Long, Capt. Co. "E" 67th Pa. Vols.

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Grahamy	322
Grand Gulf	340
Grand Lake	340
New Carrollton	370
Warrenton	380
Vicksburg	402
Mouth of Yazoo	415
Millikens Bend	424
Lake Providence	470
Louisiana Line	495

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	James M Tucker	
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	R B Reeves Paid	
	Cash	1 00 00
	Chs E Thomas Paid	
	Cash	2 00
	R B Reeves Paid	
	Cash	5 00
	Wm Harvey Paid	
	Cash	5 00
	Charles Caldaway Paid	2 00
June 1/03	"Monroe" Servant Paid	
	Cash	5 00
July 1/03	"Monroe" Servant Pd	5 00
	Chs E Thomas Paid	
	Cash	5 00
June 30th/03	Rd S Ramey Paid Cash	5 00
July 25/03	Mrs A Wilson Cash	5 00
July 30/03	B Kyger Cumberland Gap	
	Cash	25 00

July 30 1863

Rec'd of Maj Stewart

Paymaster U. S. A.

pay for May & June 63 $253 70

July 30 1863

(+) Rec'd Capt 3d Regt Engrs

pay for May & June 1863 34 00

July 30 1863

(°) Rec'd Wm Goodrich

pay for May & June 1863 25 00

July 30 1863.

(X) Received of Capt

B E Eng. for Lieut A Noble

Clayton ——— 15 00

Edward Henderson

Sergt Co E 67 Regt Ind Vols

July 30 1863 —

(o) Received of Capt B E Eng

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To B & Long Dr

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To Cash $20 00

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To Cash 5-00

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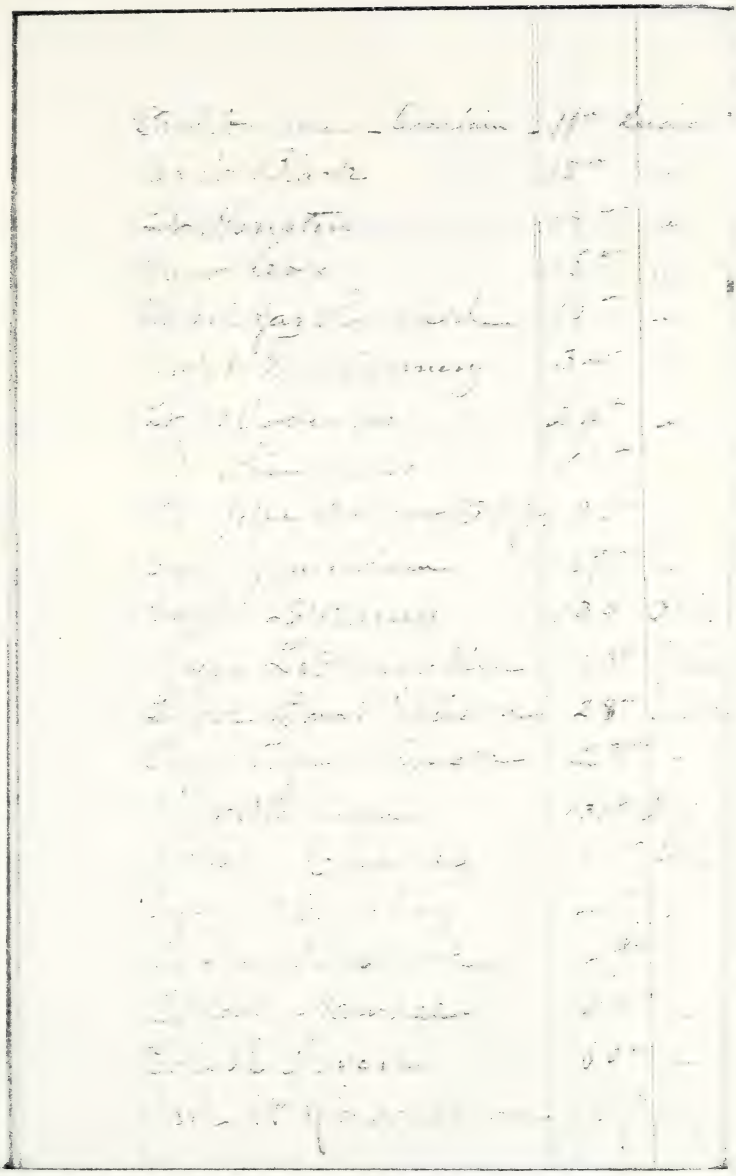

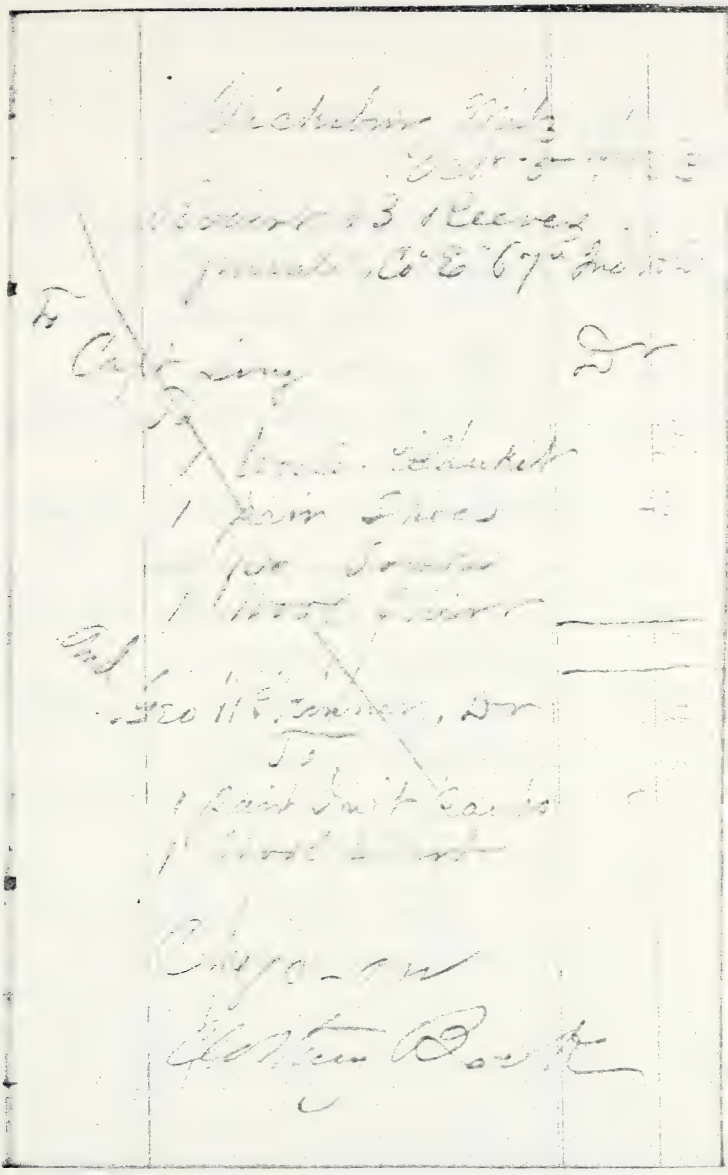

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D H Long Esqr

Sept 30 Memphis Tenn.
D H Long Esqr

Oct 9 Vicksburg Miss
Grad. H Long

Oct 9 On Steamer "White Cloud"
Miss Emma E Long

Oct 11 Carrollton La
D H Long Esqr

Oct 12 Will H Long Esqr

" 12 John L Evans Esqr

" 21 [illegible]

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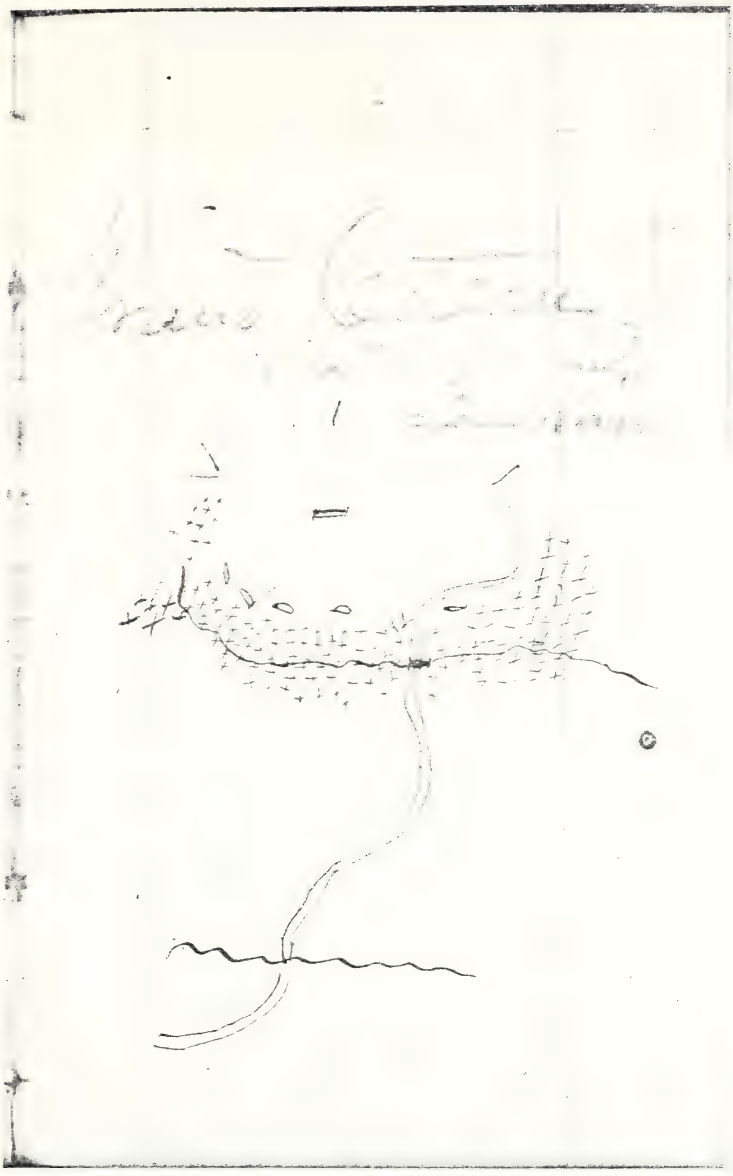
Officers. By an unanimous vote:

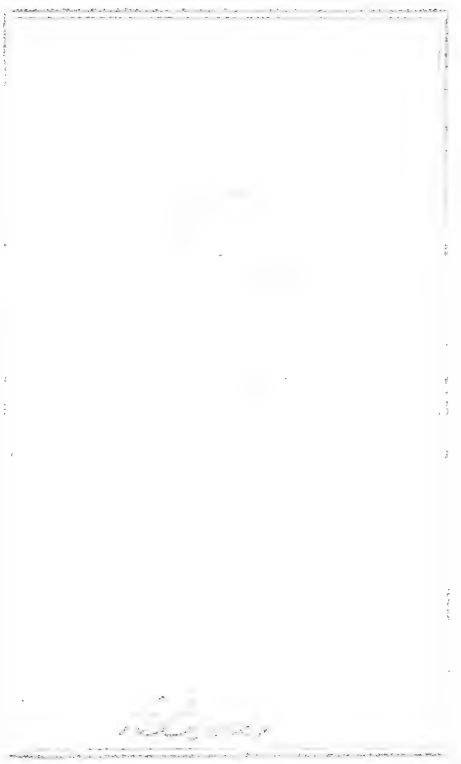
~~Major Gorgas~~ Lt. Colonel Tinsley, Co "I"
for Lt. Colonel —

and

Major:

Capt. Tyson of Co "C"





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